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## WHAT EXPERIENCE TEACHES.

*Young Wife:* MR. POISSON, I WISH SOME NICE SMELTS FOR DINNER TO-DAY.

*Mr. Poisson:* YES, MADAM; HOW MANY?

*Young Wife:* ONE WILL BE PLENTY, FOR ONLY LAST WEEK I ORDERED TWO SALMON AND THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL TOO MUCH.





"While there's Life there's Hope."

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THE gentlemanly manager of the State's hotel at Sing Sing (vulgarly called Sing Twice) says he never had a guest who took so kindly to the customs of the institution as ex-Alderman Jaehne. The clothes that the place provides seemed to fit him; the company appeared to be congenial; he partook with a good appetite of the fare at *table d'hôte*; and expressed himself as well pleased with his occupation. It really looks as if Jaehne had found his true sphere at last; and familiarity with his record makes the supposition all the more credible. Home at last! What a good thing for Jaehne—and for the city of New York, also.

THE warden at Sing Sing has a great talent for making his guests feel at home. It is a pity such gifts should not have the fullest opportunities for exercise. In connection with which there is interest in the reported restlessness of Mr. William Moloney, who is said to be very tired of the French language and life in Montreal. New York grows pleasanter every day at this season of the year, and we would like to see Mr. Moloney driving once more in the Park and enjoying the salubrity of this climate.

ISN'T it possible to find out whether Sing Sing would be as congenial to our old friend Buddensiek as it is for Jaehne. The worthy builder's rooms were engaged for some months ago, but he holds off, and is said to be as busy as ever this spring in putting up buildings of questionable security. It is inconsiderate of him to hold off so. More than that, his reluctance is losing him a chance to learn by close personal observation that walls can be strongly built, and that all mortar is not mud.

THE accomplished editor of the *Star* has still another candidate for the State's hospitality, and there are rumors that if he can prove as much as he expects to prove not only will his candidate be provided for, but a good many

other persons will find New York an uncomfortable place of residence for some time to come. But saying is not doing, and when editors disagree it is wise to accept language only at a heavy discount.

SUCH is the adroitness of the members of the legal profession that it is very hard already to prove that any citizen who can hire a lawyer had done anything which he should have left undone. The recent action of the court at Albany is likely to result in making this difficulty vastly greater. A woman has been admitted to the bar of the State, and other women who may wish hereafter to follow in her footsteps will find the way open to them. Inasmuch as we know that there is no class of citizens more susceptible to feminine influence than jurymen, the importance of this legal admission assumes a No. 13 size. Only in one way, as it seems to us, can the threatened miscarriage of justice be averted. When the advocates are of the gentler sex, the jury must be feminine also. By this means alone can the disturbing influences of the petticoat be neutralized.

CERTAIN timid citizens are giving voice to their fear that New York is to experience an anarchist boom, which will not only bring out the seeds of lawlessness which she already harbors, but may even attract immigration from Chicago and Milwaukee. They ground their fears on a consideration of the new aqueduct, the cost of which threatens to be so vast that water in Gotham will be dearer than beer. The aqueduct commission is respectfully invited to take cognizance of this disconcerting prospect.

THEY say that Greece boiled over about a week ago, and was immediately taken off the fire.

THE dispute over the fisheries question continues, and the people down East show some impatience with Secretary Bayard because he has not scalped the Queen of England. Mr. Bayard explains that diplomacy is tedious, but is effective in the end. The said dispute is absurd, and seems likely to result rather in self-amputated blue-noses than in anything more serious. Aside from the fact that we have no navy and no coast defences, and it is politic to be polite, it would be especially unkind to disturb England while she is in the throes of the Irish question. Until Chamberlain and Salisbury and Gladstone finish their joint triple wrestling match England's civility is likely to be equal to our own. The last time these three contestants rolled over the figure of the Grand Old Man was thought to have remained on top. But the arena is dusty, and the outcome of the present round uncertain.

AWAY OFF.

MRS. MERRITT (languidly): How warm the weather has turned in all at once. My husband walked through the park this afternoon, and when he got home his face was all tanned by the sun.

Mrs. Malaprop (horrified): Dear, dear; what is this old world coming to! I never heard of such a thing before. When I was a girl it used to be the father that tanned the son.

WHO!

WHO wants to work ten hours a day? Eight hours' work ought to be enough to keep the faculties alert and the appetite keen, and who would care to go on after these primary ends are attained? Who? People who need ten hours' pay, to be sure, or who are after something that the eight-hour system will not fetch, and whose energies can stand more protracted exertion. There are a good many such persons, and when the cake is cut the largest slices are apt to go to them. Any man's preference for an eight-hour stint is reasonable, but not a forced limitation of his fellow's opportunity. There are a good many reasonable preferences that circumstances deny. It may be that the eight-hour system is one.

MAN blushes from guilt; woman from innocence—sometimes.

M. R. F. (speaking of a man in convulsions): And then he fell down, and nothing human could make such a noise as he made.

Georgie: Show us what kind of a noise it was, Pa.

SIGNS OF HUMOR—Those in front of the District Telegraph offices, representing the messenger boys on the run.

A GENUINE HUM-BUG—The locust.



FABLES FOR THE TIMES.

THE TURTLE AND THE FLY.

A TURTLE was once swimming in a creek and saw a Fly floating on the surface. "Now," said the Turtle, "here's a fine smack, and my appetite is good. Lucullus dines with Lucullus to-day." Then the Turtle snapped up the Fly, but the next moment was caught on a hook and thrown violently upon the bank, while an American President seized it by the legs, and several members of the Cabinet stood by and swore that it was a Mountain Trout.

MORAL: This Fable teaches how hard it is to taste a watermelon without breaking the rind.

THE LION AND THE BROKER.

A HUNGRY lion once caught a Wall street broker and carried him into the woods, intending to eat him; but, before beginning his repast, the royal beast laid his lunch on the ground and took a nap. While the lion was asleep, the cunning broker took out his pocket-knife, carefully skinned the lion without waking him, and then carried the skin off and sold it as a buffalo robe.

MORAL: This Fable illustrates the uncertainty of the stock market, besides showing how easy it is for a man to kick the cover off the bed while he is asleep.





## ODE TO CANADA.

O CANADA! O Canada!  
 How cool thy breezes blow  
 But cooler far the loved and lost  
 Who to thy shelter go.  
 If e'er the law my native land  
 Should make too hot for me  
 Upon my office door be chalked  
 The legend: "G. T. C."

## HILLY AND UNINTERESTING.

A CHICAGO man, who is recently back from Europe, was asked what he thought of the scenery in Switzerland.

"I do n't think much of it," he said, "it's too hilly. Give me Illinois for scenery every time."

## CAREFUL OF HIS HEALTH.

"SEE here," said the bartender to a stranger who was making sad havoc at the free lunch counter, "ain't you going to buy anything to drink?"

"Nop, I guess not," replied the stranger, with his mouth full of cold slaw and pickled beets. "It was only this morning I was reading in the paper that liquor affects the coating of the stomach and eventually destroys one's appetite. I do n't propose to get dyspepsia settled on me, if I can help it."

IF Canada should be annexed to the United States an official position in a bank would be shorn of three-thirds of its desirability.

HE covered the whole point—The man who sat down on a carpet tack.



A BOYCOTT AND EVERY APPEARANCE OF A STRIKE TO FOLLOW.

## FINE WRITING.

A MAN in Philadelphia has engraved the Lord's Prayer on a three-cent piece, but Byron wrote a poem on a corsair.

THE leading opponent of Irish Home Rule in Parliament is baldheaded.

A NOTHER of the only survivors of the Balaklava charge has just died. The rest of him are enjoying very fair health.

A NEW YORK tobacconist put out a sign, "Good Strippers Wanted," and was overrun with variety actresses seeking engagements.

THE meanest man on record is a doctor by the name of Dobbs. During his recent courtship he drove two miles out of town to see his fiancée twice a week. The day after the wedding he sent in his bill to her father, having charged her at the rate of two dollars a visit.

## DRAWING THE LINE.

RASTUS: Mistah Smif I wan's ter ox yo' er question.  
 Mr. Smith: All right, Rastus.

Rastus: Ise gwine ter git married nex' week an' I wan's ter know what am de kerrect thing 'bout payin' de minister. Yo' see, Mistah Smif, de lady 'pon whom Ise 'bout to confer de honah ob my han' am werry high toned in her depo'tment, sah, an' I wuddent wan' ter do nuffin' what wuzzent in de lates' style. What I wan's ter know is, should I han' de minister de money myself, sah, or dispute a fr'en' ter do hit fo' me?

Mr. Smith: I see; anybody going to stand up with you. Rastus?

Rastus: Yes, sah. Sam Johnsing am ter be my bes' man.  
 Mr. Smith: Well, put the money in an envelope and let Sam hand it to the minister.

Rastus: What! let Sam Johnsing handle dat money? No, sah.

Mr. Smith: Why not?  
 Rastus: Cos I wuddent da' resk it. I has de utmos' confidence in Sam as a gemmen, sah. Sam am a good fr'en' of mine, an' he am a great ladies' man, an' werry popler in sassciety an' wif de fa'r sex, an' ebbery thing ob dat so't, sah, but ef I should let him handle dat dollah bill de minister would nebber see it, 'deed he wuddent. I has de utmos' confidence in Sam, Mistah Smif, 'cept when it comes ter wealth. Sam ain't yuse ter wealth.



# DISCRIMINATION.

*Paul (who is permitted to ask the blessing):* GOD BLESS AUNT AND THE GIRLS, AND ME, TOO, AND BLESS ALL THAT IS ON THIS TABLE, EXCEPT THE COOKIES, WHICH ARE NOT VERY GOOD.

## A HINT TO BRIEFLESS BARRISTERS.

IT may be as well to remark that there are no barristers in this country; but still it can be said in defence of this title that alliteration is an artful aid, and that if there are no barristers it follows as a matter of course that there are no briefless ones.

This lessens the number of the educated unemployed, a class which stirs up the despotisms of Europe to revolution and anarchy.

This article should, then, have been called a "Hint to Listless Lawyers," and a hint to these gentlemen will strike as numerous a crowd in New York as an invitation to drink extended to colonels would reach in Kentucky.

In a thousand secluded offices in the great metropolis a thousand young men are at the present moment engaged in stretching their legs, reading newspapers, or snapping moist papier-maché of their own production at the ceiling.

Those who have not grown callous still feel a palpitation in their cardiac region when the door-knob turns and the expected client turns out to be the match peddler or the chap who wishes you to subscribe to a "Pronouncing Gazeteer." They have been told that there is plenty of room at the top of the ladder until the bare mention of ladders produces a dull glow of passion in their eyes; they have cursed the name of Daniel Webster, of Rufus Choate and Lord Erskine, as false beacons which led their barks into such dreary shoals.

Let them turn their listless eyes from their one crazy client, who never pays his bill, to this page of LIFE and brace up. A Moses has appeared to lead them from their wilderness!

It is well known that Collection Bureaus monopolize a good deal of the business which once fell to the young lawyers. It would, of course, be no new thing to suggest the formation of Collection Bureaus; but why would it not be an excellent idea to form an Anti-Collection Bureau?

For every man who desires to collect a bill, the Lord has provided the man from whom he desires to collect it.

It has been found profitable to appeal to the former, why will it not be to the latter, by founding an institution to retard, and if possible, prevent the collection of bills and debts.

Most of the legislatures of the Commonwealths which glitter in Columbia's galaxy of stars (!) have enacted laws which will be of the greatest benefit to an Anti-Collection Agency or Bureau. The Bardolphs of the community should be as well cared for as the Shylocks. If the Jew desires his pound of flesh, Portia, in the shape of the Anti-Collection Bureau, steps up and shoves the unfortunate man through the non-debtor house, assists him to invest his money in property which is not subject to attachment, or aids him in the skillful doctoring of his books of account. Shylock gets his judgment, but not one drop of Christian blood. By

paying a moderate annual fee to the Bureau, gentlemen who desire to get the good things of life without an effort can be free from care and duns. The Bureau will be a beneficent Credit or Assurance Company, with a corporate seal bearing the motto: "Base is the knave who pays." The overbearing creditor class will be hoist with their own petard and the Listless Lawyers who run the Bureau will become leaders of the bar.

#### PICTORIAL SHAKESPEARE.



"GOD MADE HIM, AND THEREFORE LET HIM PASS FOR A MAN."  
—Merchant of Venice.



#### LOVE AND SOCIALISM.

THERE is a fine mixture of love, political economy and rant in the anonymous novel, "Face to Face" (Scribner's). The love is artificial, the political economy superficial and the rant tiresome. The problem to be solved by the story is: Given a Girton girl with high ideals and fifteen million dollars, can she revolutionize the relations of capital and labor in America? The answer is: Yes, with the aid of an American lover, worth six millions, who invents a wonderful machine which enables the Girton girl's Utopian mills to undersell all competitors. As no diagrams are given of this wonderful machine, and as millionaire Girton girls with American money kings for lovers are limited in number, the labor question may be considered yet unsolved. Mr. Henry George has still a great work before him.

THIS novel exaggerates the importance of the American "leisure class" and the element of discontented and despairing workmen. Recent events have caused even more learned and weighty writers to over-estimate the gravity of the present crisis. They lose sight of the strong, pure, contented American life which abounds in all of our smaller cities and towns, where wealth is well distributed and the poorest boy may yet hope to be independent. The old Puritan qualities of thrift and integrity are not so obsolete as the alarmists would have us believe. There is a tremendous area of country where Anglomania and Socialism are alike unknown, and peace and good-will to men sway the hearts and lives of a happy people.

New York and Newport are very important elements in the commercial and social worlds, but they do n't tip up the continent to any alarming extent.

JUDGED simply as a novel there are a good many strong points in "Face to Face." The character of *Evelyn* is forceful and attractive, though as frigid as the regulation "Imperious Beauty with a Mission," which adorns all good Boston novels. If *Clay* really loved her, and we have his word for it, he must have arrived at the sentiment by a logical process, and not through the emotions. However, as *Clay* represents the "American leisure class," we suppose that he is in "good form" even in his love affairs. He certainly showed the usual Yankee shrewdness in not giving up such a beautiful girl, especially after she had inherited fifteen millions.

*De Vito*, the Socialist, furnishes the melodramatic element of the story. He is sufficiently fierce and handsome for stage purposes and shows the proper amount of noble self-denial in the final catastrophe. He vaguely suggests Mrs. Burnett's *Hawarth*.

THE story is written in an attractive style, though very diffuse. The dialogue seldom has a personal flavor. Words are plentiful and thoughts few. You start out on a journey to Utopia, but the boat stops at Rondout.

*Droch.*

#### • NEW BOOKS •

*FACE TO FACE.* Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York.

*The Wealth of Households.* Clarendon Press Series, Oxford.

*Up the Rhine.* By Thomas Hood. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London.

*Flights Inside and Outside Paradise.* By George Cullen Pearson. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London.

*London of To-day.* By Charles Eyre Pascoe. Roberts Bros., Boston.

*Eugénie Grandet.* By Honoré de Balzac. Roberts Bros., Boston.

#### IN THE LANE.

DOST thou remember that fair May twilig,  
When down the lane we turned our tired steeds,  
The blinking stars awaking, wooed the night,  
The weary buds were nodding on the meads.

The chestnut blossoms spread their fragrance sweet,  
The laden boughs o'erhung like Arden's glen,  
And quicker 'gan our warm young hearts to beat,  
Our horses closer drew—and then—and then—

*Charles A. Watrous.*

#### AN ANGEL IN DISGUISE.

WIFE (Sunday night): Where have you been, John?  
Husband: Been t' sacred concert listening to (hic) sacred music.

Wife (sarcastically): Yes, and drinking sacred beer and whisky, and smoking sacred cigars. If there are saints on this earth, John Smith, you are one of them.

MATCHES NOT MADE IN HEAVEN—Parlor matches.



OLD NEW YORK.

A HISTORY OF MANHATTAN ISLAND—DUTCH, ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND RESTORATION OF THE ENGLISH IN 1880.

CHAPTER XII.

A NEW CHURCH—FIRST LAW SUIT.



IT was not long before Governor Van Twiller, being solid with his own administration for services rendered, got himself appointed to this and all other salaried sinecures in the town. He was regarded as a benefactor on account of the building of the fort, and when, shortly after a large portion of the city funds had disappeared, Wouter came in for a large fortune through the death, as he claimed, of a

maternal aunt, no one ventured to question his good fortune, although it was well known that his mother's sisters were all boys.

Having supplied themselves with a fort, the New Netherlanders turned to more holy thoughts, and built a church.

It was situated on Pearl street, and was furnished with all the improvements of the times, from a swimming bath for the Baptist to a mortgage for the Presbyterian worshippers.

It was constructed of wood, had one aisle, by necessity a centre one, twenty pews, a pulpit and a rifle corps attached.

It was completed about 1635, and for ten years, Mr. Valentine tells us, was used by the Dutch as a place of worship, and by the Indians as a convenient location for archery practice.

It frequently happened that the *Te Deum* was enlivened by the scalping of the soprano and the tomahawking of the tenor, the shrieks and groans of whom had a peculiar, though pleasing, effect on the congregation.

In 1636 was tried the first law suit in the Civil Courts. The plaintiff, one Adam Roelaendson, a gentleman who combined the professions of laundrying and school-teaching, sued a certain Gilliss De Voigt for the amount of his wash bill, threatening to retain defendant's collar until the same should be paid. De Voigt claimed that there was no precedent in the country requiring a man to pay his wash bill, and he wasn't going to establish any such ruinous custom. He demanded imme-

diately restitution of his collar, which, being the only one in his family, and one of seven in the whole community, was of great value. It was, he said, the basis upon which his position in society was founded, and that if it was not restituted in ten days, he would institute a suit for libel against Roelaendson.

The question embarrassed the Court greatly, as De Voigt and Roelaendson were both influential men, and election day was only a week off. After much reflection the Judge, with that rare perception of right which characterizes the Dutch judiciary, handed the case over to a referee, who decided that Roelaendson could retain the button-holes as security, but that De Voigt must have the rest of the collar.

While the plaintiff was endeavoring to see just where he was benefited the elections came off, and the incumbent judges were unanimously returned.

This shows the ingenuity of the Dutch mind.

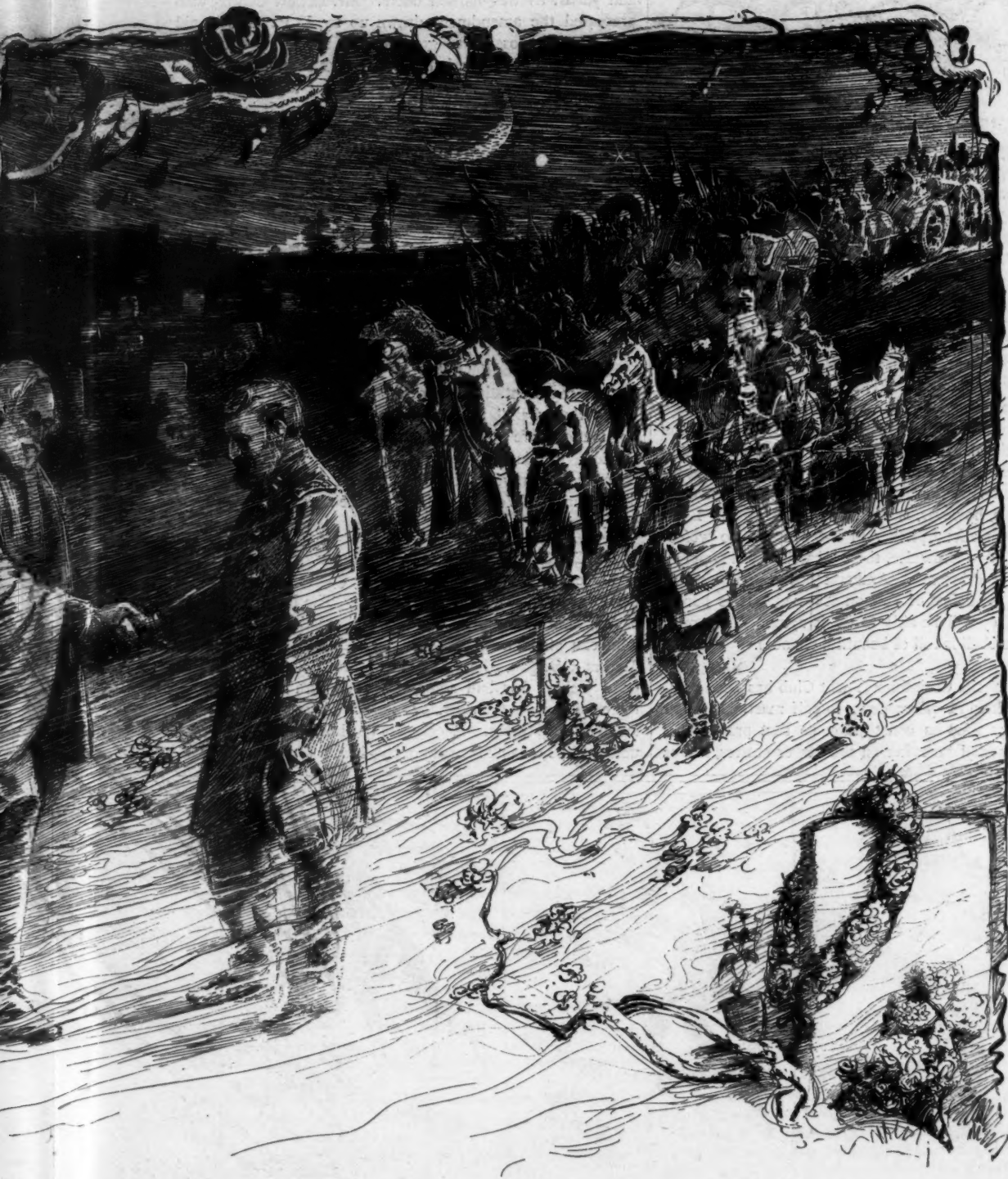
Roelaendson was shortly afterward publicly flogged and banished, ostensibly for some breach of the law, but really because of the feeling against him.



ENLIVENING THE *TE DEUM*.









THERE does not appear to be any sufficient reason for plunging into a dark sea of despair on account of the present standing of the New York Baseball Club in the contest for the championship. They did remarkably good work in the West, considering their crippled condition. When they have recovered their form—that is, when the broken-up men are mended—they will do good work again and make trouble for teams that visit them on the Polo Grounds. They do better at home than anywhere else, thus showing that prophets are not always without honor in their own country.

THE college baseball championship will go to Yale, Princeton or Amherst. The Yale team is a remarkably strong batting nine for college men. That was shown by their handling of Welch's delivery when they played the New Yorks on the Polo Grounds. They made five clean hits and only three of them struck out. They hit the ball and hit it hard. Princeton has four good batters. The other five are weak. The nine, however, is very strong in the field. Bickham is about the swiftest pitcher in the country, no professional excepted, and Brownlee, the big catcher, will supply a long-felt want at Princeton. Amherst has a good nine, as was proved by the defeat of Yale on May 22d. It is hardly probable that they will be able to do it again. They may, however, for baseball is full of beautiful chances.

THE Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club has been compelled to haul its colors down to half mast. In other words, it has amended its constitution so that professional crews will be carried hereafter on the larger cutters, sloops

and yawls, as well as schooners. Mr. Robert Centre, who presented the amendment drawn up by L. P. Bayard, said that it was impossible to get entries in the larger classes as long as the Club demanded that the boats should be handled by Corinthian crews. Owners would not take their boats around the lightship with a crew of amateurs. It is a pity—but it is a fact—that hereafter the Seawanhaka people will have a little less Corinthianism and a little more racing.

WENDELL BAKER, of the class of '86, Harvard, and the Manhattan Athletic Club, is the successor of Myers as a sprint runner. He has already broken the amateur records at 110, 130 and 220 yards. He is good at a quarter also. Every man has his successor. *Tricotrin.*

AFTER "Gerome" the interest of horsemen will turn to the Coney Island Jockey Club's first meeting, where a great many of the cracks from the principal stables of the West will meet for the first time this year the best of our Eastern representatives. Great interest is already shown in "The Suburban," to be run the opening day, and the nominations are so plentiful that it is difficult to foresee a winner. People have not forgotten Pontiac's splendid performance of last year, but there seems to be a sneaking suspicion that the West will gobble up their share of the richer stakes this year.

RACING in the West is on the boom. Fancy one man expending at one private sale \$95,120! In the East there is very little spirit in comparison. The Rancocas stable has disbanded, and the Dwyers are about the only ones left who can stand a fair comparison with such stables as the Messrs. Corrigan, Haggin, Baldwin, etc., etc. The lack of good jockeys has had something to do with this result, but the chief cause is the ridiculous law prohibiting betting of all kinds on race tracks. Racing will not last a half dozen years unless some evasion is made of this law.



"HEY, BILL, I GOT THER TAIL FIXED ALL RIGHT, SO WHEN I SAY 'GO' YOU GIT UP AN' DUST!"



"Go!"

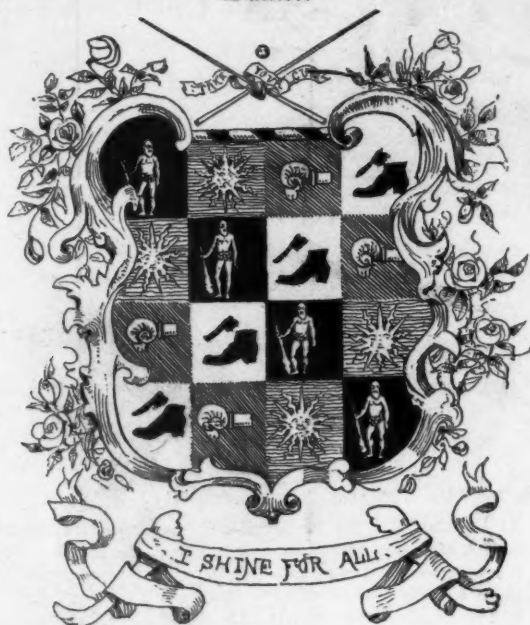


HE GOES.

THE AMERICAN PEERAGE.

[COMPILED BY PERK, ULTERIOR KNIGHT FOR MANHATTAN.]

Dainer.



**D**AINER, CHARLES A., Marquess of Humble 'Em.  
Sits as Barren Office-Dictator.

*Lineage:* Lord Dainer is an illustrious ascendant of the old house of Disdainers. Beginning life as a practical man intent upon acquiring wealth by agriculture and encyclopedic publications, he has gradually emancipated himself from the sordid pursuit of riches, and now lives only for ideal objects and the spreading of enlightenment. Distinguished for his freedom from cynicism, and for his generous and hearty faith in himself, he is averse to everything that savors of sycophancy or favoritism. His devotion to the Democratic party is attested by his unwavering support of candidates nominated by its opponents. As an amateur of journalism, Lord Dainer has mastered the difficult art of writing editorial articles with a billiard-cue, and frequently scores a point in favor of his adversary. His collection of delicate political reputations, and other fragile bric-à-brac, is large and valuable.

*Arms:* Quarterly. First and fourth sable, a savage man of the woods proper, bearing in his dexter hand a club; 2d and 3d azure, a sun in splendor, or. Quartering quarterly, 1st and 4th vert, a battering-ram, brazen; 2d and 3d argent, a blacking-brush and shoe, sable.

*Crest:* A billiard-ball between two cues in saltire, bound with a ribbon bearing the words: "Take your cue."

*Motto:* "I Shine For All."

*Seats:* Pedagogue Hall, Printing-House Square; and Grammarian's Retreat, Glen Cove.

*Clubs:* Stuffed, Poker, and C. A. D. Jefferson Club. The membership of the last-named club is limited to one.

AN ESSAY ON ANARCHISTS.

**T**HE anarchists are good citizens in many respects. They aid largely in the support of several industries—notably the liquor business. They are *practical* prohibitionists and destroy liquor—a glassful at a time.

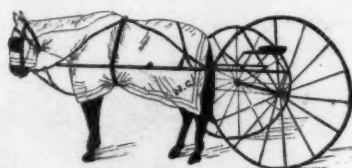
They do n't like the police and seldom give them a chance to enjoy their society at short range. They are not very dangerous to any one who has land enough around his house to pasture a dog.

Being mostly of foreign origin, they are not, naturally, attached to the soil of their adopted country—although it is, as a rule, attached to them. They never demean themselves by agricultural labor.

The maligners of the anarchists say they are not working-men. They are. They work the growler.

**D**URING the recent floods in Montreal the English newspaper offices were flooded.

This ought to have a beneficial influence on English humor. It has heretofore been a trifle dry.



DISTANCED.

**R**ELASE me from the sulky slight,  
And hitch me to a dray;  
Or let me drag, by day and night,  
A black-and-tan couple.

Bring forth your wooden dummy oat,  
Your wire-mattress hay—  
As such are fitting *table d' oat*  
For one who lost the day.

Farewell ye flyers of the track—  
I'm much too slow for you;  
Indeed, I'd rather haul a hack  
Than *raise* the record—whew!

Wallace Peck.



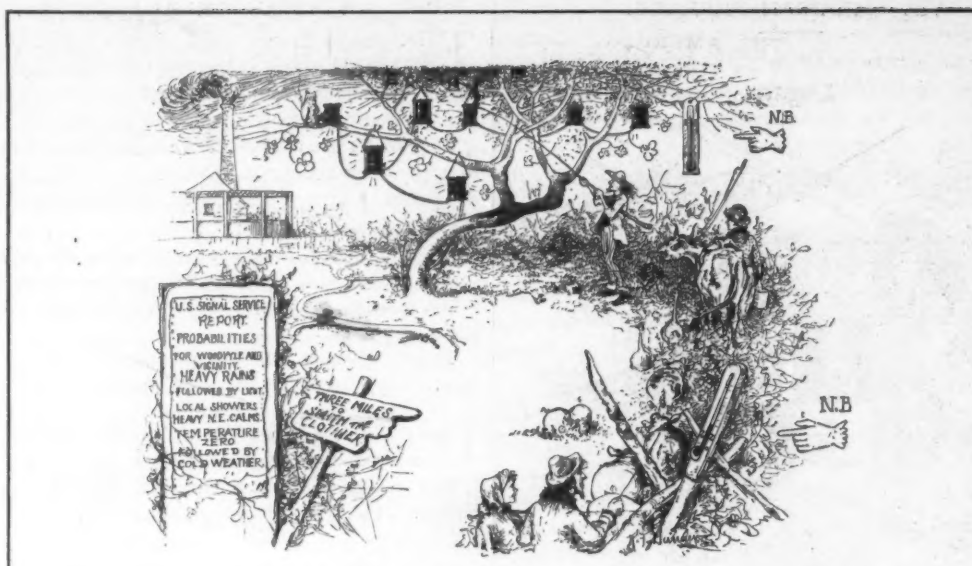
THE EARLY BUD INSURANCE COMPANY.

**T**HE Early Bud Insurance Co. is now prepared to insure those crops that are subject to the blighting frosts of early spring.

The loss of the peach crop is the annual bugaboo of farmers; and, during early spring, they would rather raise the hired man's wages than meet a whiff of cold night air *en route* to their blooming trees.

His live trees, that are to bring him hard cash in the fall—his active trees that become round-shouldered with their load of blossoms—he





PREPARING FOR A CHANGE OF WEATHER.



HOW THE CHICKEN THIEF IS FOILED.

leaves outdoors over night to shiver and freeze. He hangs his coarse shirt by the warm fire, while he leaves that most delicate of all textures—the blossom—out in the cold, wild air.

Now, if he would exercise a bit of sense; if he would warm his trees, as he does himself and his animals, he would have a different experience.

The Early Bud Insurance Co.—which, while earning its living, does to the trees what Bergh does to the animals—has a system whereby it can protect all buds, thus ensuring the full after crop.

When a risk is noted on a farm, a portable gas work is at once erected in the centre of the field; and hundreds of gas stoves—connected with the huge central receiver—are fastened among the branches of the trees.

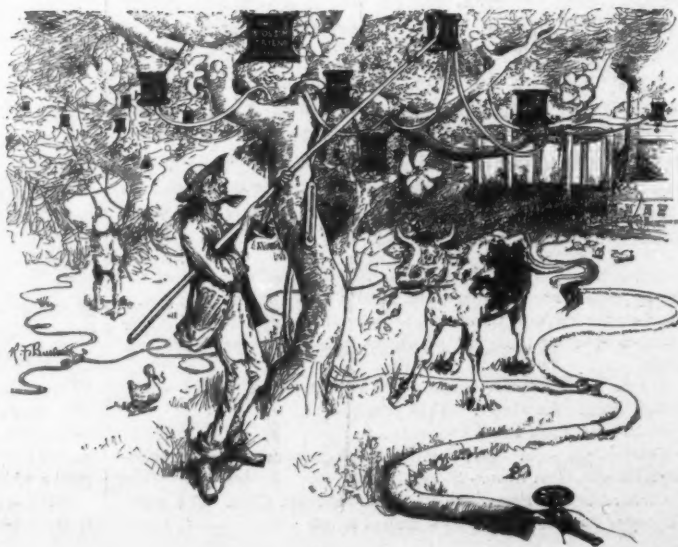
At nightfall the gas is turned on, the stoves are lighted, and all night they radiate their heat through the branches, thus protecting each and every bud. Under such an arrangement the peach crop can never be ruined by Jack Frost.

The company's rates are:

Peach, apple and pear trees .....	10 %
Huckleberry and gooseberry bushes.....	50 %
Pumpkin vines.....	Special rate.

At a slightly advanced rate this company will also protect the spring "brilers," by placing these stoves, at regular intervals, on the roosts; and the chicken thief will not be so active when the upward reach may land his hand on a red hot stove, instead of a fat pullet.

Wallace Peck.





EACH TO HIS TASTE.

"I AM going to the seaside," said the milkman blithe and gay;

"For I love the ocean breezes, and love the dashing spray. Yes, I love the glorious sunset, love the calm and love the squall—But I think I love the water, in my business, best of all."

"That's the difference between us," said the grocer at his side, "Though the ocean breeze is bracing, and I love the rolling tide;

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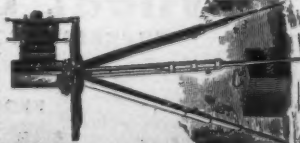
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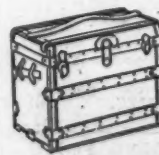
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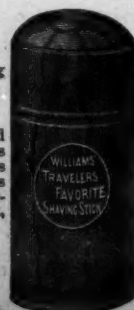
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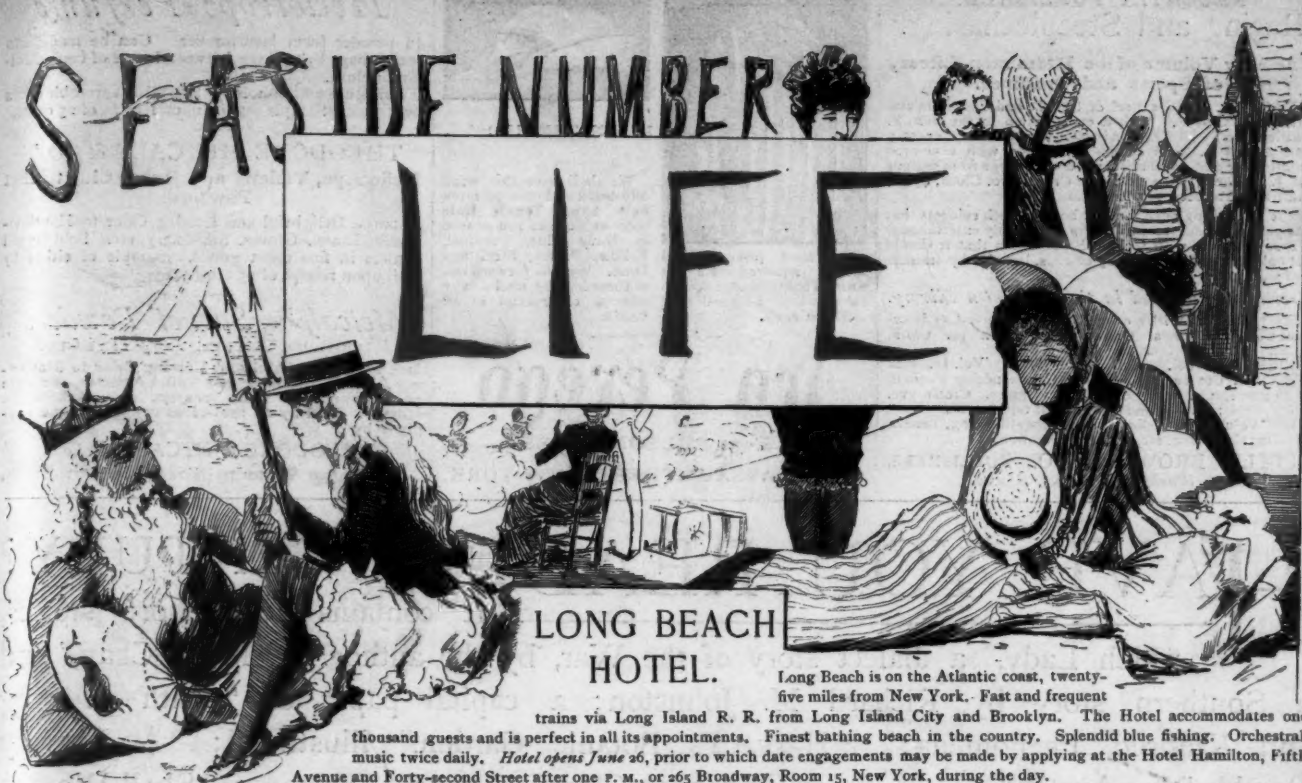
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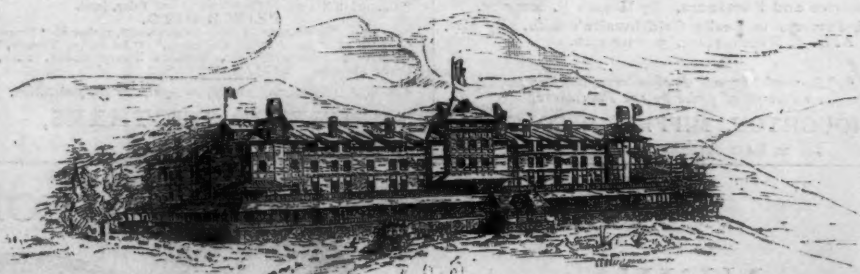
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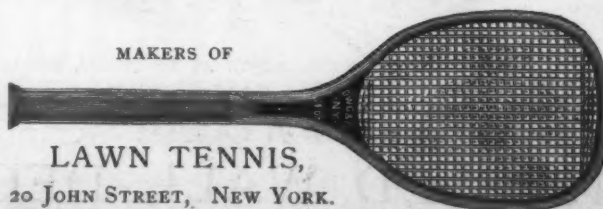
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